

RESOLUTION NO. 19-19

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEASIDE

DESIGNATING THE CITY OF SEASIDE AS A BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges the mission of BEE CITY USA is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free to nearly free of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, the City Council gives thanks to the more than 3,600 species of native bees in the United States, along with introduced honey bees, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, poor nutrition, pesticides (including insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides), parasites, diseases, and climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local growers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators;
- Provides water for drinking, nest-building, and butterfly puddling;
- Is free to nearly free of pesticides, as many pesticides can harm pollinators and/or their habitat;
- Is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees, since many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;
- Provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment by: identifying and removing the causes of pest problems rather than only attacking the symptoms (the pests); employing pests' natural enemies along with

cultural, mechanical, and physical controls when prevention is not enough; and using pesticides only when no other method is feasible or effective; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that supporting pollinators fosters broad-based community engagement in environmental awareness and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that the City of Seaside should be certified a *BEE CITY USA* community because:

- The City of Seaside has not used pesticides in our parks and open spaces for over a decade and we will never resume that outdated practice. This reduces the harmful impact pesticides have on native and domestic bees.
- Following unanimous support by the City Council, the City of Seaside adopted an ordinance beneficial to bee husbandry. These code changes represent a progressive update that are among the most supportive of other bee friendly cities, allowing for beekeeping in the city by-right.
- Seaside city limits encompass 9.38 square miles, 15% of which are wild spaces with native plants, in addition to 614 square miles of agricultural land in close proximity to the city. This allows for bee foraging and native bee habitat, and supports the ongoing relationship between domestic bees and our food supply.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Seaside, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them City of Seaside chooses to support and encourage healthy pollinator habitat creation and enhancement, as follows:

1. The City of Seaside's Community Development Department is hereby designated as the BEE CITY USA sponsor.
2. The Associate Planner of Community Development is designated as the BEE CITY USA Liaison.
3. Facilitation of the City of Seaside's BEE CITY USA program is assigned to the Environmental Committee.
4. The Environmental Committee is authorized to and shall:
 - a. **Celebration:** Host at least one educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration each year to showcase the City of Seaside's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
 - b. **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage on the City of Seaside's website which includes, at minimum:
 - a copy of this resolution and links to the national BEE CITY USA website;
 - contact information for your BEE CITY USA Liaison and Committee;
 - reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s); and

- your recommended native plant species list and integrated pest management plan (explained below).
- c. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, which includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:
 - Identify and inventory Seaside real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
 - Create a recommended locally native plant list to include wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species.
 - Track (by square footage and/or acreage) annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced.
- d. **Pollinator-Friendly Pest Management:** Create and adopt an integrated pest management (IPM) plan designed to prevent pest problems, reduce pesticide use, and expand the use of non-chemical pest management methods.
- e. **Policy:** Establish, through the City of Seaside a policy in the General Plan to acknowledge and commit to the BEE CITY USA designation.
- f. **Plan Review:** Review the General Plan and other relevant documents to: consider improvements to pest management policies and practices as they relate to pollinator conservation, identify appropriate locations for pollinator-friendly plantings, and consider other appropriate measures.
- g. **Renewal:** After completing the first calendar year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each February, apply for renewal of the City of Seaside's BEE CITY USA designation following the format provided by BEE CITY USA, including a report of the previous year's BEE CITY USA activities, and paying the renewal fee based on the City of Seaside's population.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Seaside duly held on the 4th day of April 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Campbell, Kispersky, Oglesby, Pacheco, Wizard
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None



 Lesley Milton-Rerig, City Clerk



 Ian N. Oglesby